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Mission

Fill automatic rifle role in infantry squads and provide light machine gun capabilities in combat service/combat service support units.

Description and Specifications

The **M249 Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW)** serves as automatic rifle and light machine gun to infantry squads. The M249 weighs 22 pounds with 200 rounds of ammunition. It replaced the M16A1 Automatic Rifle at the squad level and some M60 several-purpose machine guns in non-infantry units.